

MINOR LOCAL MATTERS.

AFFAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of our Weary Readers.

Hot! Hotter!! Hottest!!!

The school term closed to-day.

The crops are growing rapidly.

Fruit is scarce, and very poor in quality.

Read Reddick's new advertisement in this issue.

The trains have been full of the girls returning from college this week.

The grass will have its innings now and will keep the farmers busy for a time.

Our base ball team should get up some games with the clubs from other towns.

The crops all over the country are reported as in good condition and looking well.

How long will it be before Kingstree will have an "original package" grog-shop?

Any kind of job work done at the County Record job office, in city style and at city prices.

The Greenville News of last Friday said that "Black river bream are the pride of Kingstree."

The chain-gang has been brought to Kingstree and will work the rails around here for some time to come.

Midnight "chicken-fries" seem to be the favorite sport of certain young men of the community; but who furnishes the fowls?

An itinerant colored printer called at our office one day last week. He was making his way from Charleston to Charlotte, N. C.

The sheriff will make several land sales for the non-payment of taxes the first Monday in July unless the parties come and pay the costs.

The baseball game between the two local nines last Thursday resulted in a victory for the "regulars." The score is withheld by special request.

At a special meeting of the Woodmen of the World held on Monday night, Messrs. J. D. Daniel and P. B. Thorne were initiated into the secrets of the Order.

The gay and festive mosquito is again with us for summer board and lodging. There are a good many of them this season and all appear to have been very poorly fed.

The next examination of applicants for county teachers' certificates will be held in the court house Friday of next week between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 p. m.

The testimony in the Watts-College affair is very bulky. The investigation will cost the State several hundreds, perhaps thousands, of dollars, and it is not likely that anything will result therefrom.

On Tuesday, July 6th, the board of county chairmen of Hope and King townships, together with the county supervisor will let the contract for rebuilding the bridge over Black river at the foot of the hill near Kingstree on the Greeleyville road.

Straw-rides galore.

This is June weather in dead earnest.

The rain was very fine on the crops.

Read our watermelon prize offer in another column.

From all the reports, the fruit this season will not be very fine.

We want several more correspondents like our Dock "pencil-shower."

The sweet girl graduates are at top of column and next to reading matter this month.

The family of Mr. Joel E. Brunson returned from Sumter last Tuesday night.

There was a game of base ball between the two local teams Monday afternoon. The "regulars" were victorious.

The county commissioners advertise that they will elect a superintendent for the chain-gang at their regular meeting in July.

An ice-cream festival was given at the school house Monday night by the ladies of the Presbyterian church.

It is said that since the recent heavy rains the crops have taken new life, and are showing wonderful growth.

Don't send off for your office stationery when you can get it just as well right at home. Patronize the County Record job office.

Fine Tobacco.

Editor County Record:

Mr. T. M. Cooper, of the firm of Cooper Bros., of Fowlers, has the best field of tobacco in the county, probably. It is the finest I have seen anywhere, and I have seen lots of it. Mr. Cooper is an all-round farmer as well as a merchant, and all of his crops are looking well, his tobacco being particularly fine.

WANDERER.

Prizes for Watermelons.

Who raises the largest water melons? In order to decide this question to the satisfaction of all we have decided to offer a premium to the person who raises the largest melon this season. Our proposition is this: To the person who brings us the largest melon this summer we will give one year's subscription to the County Record. Just think of it! Besides gaining the reputation of being the raiser of the largest watermelons you get a copy of the County Record every week for a whole year.

In addition to the foregoing, we also offer a year's subscription free to the person who first brings us in a ripe melon this season. If you are already a subscriber to the County Record, your subscription will be "shoved up" one year from the date of its expiration. Don't allow this opportunity to escape, but get a whole year's subscription for one melon. Of course we are not partial to melons, but our editor and entire staff are very fond of every kind of fruit. Don't let the melon offer keep you from bringing in fruit.

The Columbian Encyclopædia is one of the very best on the market. Very few, if any, equal it. —adv.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

BRIEF MENTION OF PEOPLE YOU KNOW AND DON'T KNOW.

Those of Our Citizens Who are Visiting at Other Places.—Our Visitors.—Other Mention.

Mr. C. W. Hill, of Lake City was in town last Saturday night.

Mr. Pritchard Moody, of Lake City, was in Kingstree last week.

J. Z. McConnell, Esq., went to Manning on a business trip last Thursday.

Magistrate J. G. Lifrage, of Salters, paid us a very pleasant visit last Thursday.

Mr. Walter Steel returned to his home in Rocky Mount, N. C., last Monday afternoon.

Miss Mamie Lesesne, of Santee, and Mrs. Richbourg, of Dillon, are visiting Mrs. M. J. Porter.

T. M. Gilland, Esq., of Kingstree, paid this city a flying visit Saturday evening.—Florence Times.

Mr. P. A. Allsbrook has moved into the cottage just beyond Mr. M. F. Heller's livery stables.

Mr. J. P. Nelson had his right hand very painfully hurt during the baseball game last Thursday.

Miss Louise Gilland returned last week from Spartanburg where she had been attending Converse College.

Miss Addie Montgomery, who has been visiting in Georgetown for several months, returned to Kingstree Saturday.

We are indebted to Mr. C. W. Wolfe for an invitation to attend the opening ball of the Harris Lithia Springs on Tuesday, June 22nd.

Miss Florence Benjamin, who has been teaching school in Georgetown county, is in Kingstree and will spend the summer with the Misses Jacobs.

Mr. W. S. Moore, of Blakeleys spent several days in Kingstree this week. Mr. Moore played on the "scrub" nine in the base ball game Monday afternoon.

Edwin Seward, a colored man who has been living in the Bloomingdale neighborhood, was brought into town a few days ago and committed to jail as a lunatic. He will be carried to the State Hospital for the Insane, in Columbia, in a day or two.

Mr. J. P. Shaw called in to see last Saturday, and told us that the lower bridge had been entirely rebuilt and is now in condition for passage. This will be good news to the hundreds who have to go several miles out of their way in order to cross the river.

Among the graduates of the Columbia Female College last week was Miss Ivah Epps, who stood well-up in her class. Miss Epps is one of the literary editors of the college magazine, and many of the very best articles in that journal were from her pen.

Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic is a ONE-DAY Cure. It cures the most stubborn case of Fever in 24 Hours.

The Columbian Encyclopædia is undoubtedly the finest on the market. Look out for Rev. Mr. Willeford, the agent, who will be around next month.

A PROSPEROUS SCHOOL.

Close of the Regular Term of the Kingstree Academy.

The regular annual school-term of the Kingstree Academy has been brought to a close. There is no doubt of this being the most prosperous term ever held, which speaks well for the board which selected Mr. E. C. Dennis and his able assistant, Miss Dickson. The scholarship was almost double that of the previous year, the exact number being 90 pupils as against 50 for the year before. There were ten boarders this year—that is, ten pupils from the country who boarded in town and attended the school. Last year there was but one teacher except for three months. Next year there will be three teachers. Another room will be added to the school building during the summer, and there will be three divisions next year instead of two as was this year, and one last year. This certainly speaks well for the school. We do not hesitate to assert that there is no school in the State that can make a better showing. The regular school term is ten months. As usual, the annual school picnic will be given at Kinder's grove, about one mile from town, tomorrow (Friday). To this, besides the scholars, all the patrons, their friends and the friends of the pupils are cordially invited to attend. Of course, the older folks will be expected to carry baskets.

A correspondent of the Harts-ville Messenger gets off the following:

A gentleman told me the other day that it was customary for him to chew 20 cents worth of tobacco a week. I suggested to him to try the tobacco cure. He said he had tried it, and the first two weeks he ate up \$1.50 worth of the cure, and the next two weeks he used 10 cents worth of candy, 5 cents worth of chewing gum, 20 cents worth of cough drops, and 5 cents worth of peanuts per day. During these two weeks he said he also consumed 2 large rubber erasers, ate the rubber tips from 14 lead pencils, chewed up a dozen penholders, and browsed off his mustache as high up as he could reach. He says he is chewing tobacco again, in the interest of economy.

Quinine and other fever medicines take from 5 to 10 days to cure fever. Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic cures in ONE DAY.

The summer season has come and how to keep cool and comfortable is being sought by everyone. At Lesesne & Epps' will be found a large line of ladies' undervests beginning at the small sum of ten cents and going to the nicer qualities. Gentlemen can also be supplied in this line of goods. Ye choppers of cotton need hoes that can be had from us at the lowest prices. We have a large stock of shoes which we wish to reduce before time for fall goods to commence coming in and you can get some bargains in that line. Ladies slippers from 50cts up.

Our stock of tobacco must be lessened and we are almost competing with factory prices to do it. Ye chewers of the "quid" will do good business to come to

LESSENE & EPPS.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

SEVERAL LETTERS CONTAINING VALUABLE NEWS.

Items of Interest From Different Sections. All Boiled Down For Quick Reading.

DOCK

Mr. Gus Haddock has an attack of fever.

Master Louis Rhem, is out again after a protracted illness.

Mr. S. B. Poston, of Prospect, attended the picnic Saturday.

Mr. Laurie Steele, of Timmons-ville, is on a visit to his parents.

A number of people from here worshipped at Indiantown Sunday.

Mr. Harper, of Trio, spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. J. C. Josey.

Mr. M. D. Nesmith, of Black River came home Saturday with a slight case of fever.

Mr. Sam Wilson, of Rhems, has recovered from an attack of typhoid fever.

Crops are growing right along. It is said that Messrs W. E. Nesmith and Johnson have the finest cotton crop in this section.

We are glad that there are no murders, suicides or marriages to report. As Bill Arp says, everything is calm and serene.

Miss Davis, an accomplished and charming young woman of Boston, Ga., has returned home after an extended visit to relatives and friends in the country.

We have enough rain for a while. The ground is thoroughly wet. The lakes are on the rise, which prevents good fishing.

"Children's Day" was celebrated at Jackson's Chapel Saturday. A large crowd was present. The people were pleased by a temperance address delivered by Rev. Mr. Haddock. His discourse was interesting and instructive. The recitation "Tommy's prayer," by Ruth Coker, was decidedly the hit of the day. She is only ten years old, and the recitation comprised thirty-two verses. Her gestures and delivery was perfect. Everybody ate a big dinner and the day passed off very pleasantly.

It has been suggested to your correspondent that every old subscriber to your paper secure one new subscriber, doubling your circulation list. The gentleman making the suggestion said that the Record had improved so much he thought that would be a mark of appreciation on the part of the old subscribers, and that he believed in encouraging the efforts of the editor of our county paper. I think the suggestion a good one. Let every old subscriber to the Record secure one good new subscriber. All can easily do this and I know the editor will appreciate it. He is giving you a good news paper cheap, and see that it goes into every home in the county.

BLUE STEELE.

[We certainly appreciate the words of the above paragraph, and would indeed be glad if every present subscriber would get us a new one.—Ed., County Record.]

Why take Johnson's Chill & Fever Tonic? Because it cures the most stubborn case of Fever in ONE DAY.

The County Record, \$1 a year.

INDIANTOWN.

Crops are small in this section. Corn is small and a bad stand; in the low bottom lands the stand is very poor. "Bill bugs" are plentiful, from two to six being found on one stalk of corn. My theory is that they deposit their eggs in the stalk just below the ground, and it remains there until the following spring when the bug is hatched out. Another theory is, that if we pull up the corn stalk in the winter and burn taking care to destroy the roots of the stalk, we will not have so many "bill bugs"—at least I propose to try it.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nesmith lost their infant on the 7th inst.

Your Dock quill driver is in error when he says "no tobacco is found below Lake City." Col. Jas. McCuthen plants about twenty acres and Dr. J. S. Cunningham four.

Capt. W. H. Kennedy and Messrs. R. D. Gamble and R. F. Haddock have pretty stands of cotton.

We are having plenty of rain at this writing.

BLAKELEYS.

Please favor us with these from Blakeleys—Georgetown railroad.

Crops in our neighborhood are looking fine since the recent rains.

I have traveled over a good portion of the county, and Mr. E. R. Rowell has the finest field of corn I have seen any where.

Dr. W. D. Rich has the finest patch of watermelons I have seen any where and we will help him eat them by the Fourth.

Mr. W. S. Moore, who has been teaching school at Blakeleys for the past four months, brought it to a close last Friday, the 11th.

Miss Lillie Cunningham, the well known teacher of Indiantown, is visiting her relatives, Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Rich.

Mr. T. A. Blakely, the well known merchant of the Georgetown, has made a great improvement to his dwelling and nicely fenced in his yard.

The Rev. N. T. Noland came from his home at Lanes to assist Mrs. T. A. Blakely in laying off a geometrical flower front.

We have been enjoying several fish fries at Sims' Reach Bridge right recently.

M.

GOURDINS.

The farmers of this section generally have good crops and have been blessed with delightful showers of rain since last Saturday.

A very delightful picnic was given at the residence of Mr. W. D. McClary last Tuesday. Barbecue, chickens, hams and other things were in abundance. The young folks of Newmarket were present and Lanes was also represented. Buggy rides and dancing was the order of the day. The evening dance began at 8:30 and was kept up until 2 o'clock a. m. The music was furnished by McClary & McCrory.

Our neighborhood is all healthy at present. There is no sickness around here that I know of.

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